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Before the
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Washington DC 20554

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In the Matter of)

Implementation of Sections of the)
Cable Telecommunications Consumer)
Protection and Competition Act of)
1992)

MM Docket 92-266

Rate Regulation)

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF BY
ATLANTA INTERFAITH BROADCASTERS, INC.

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, Inc. ("AIB") by its attorney respectfully submits this Request for Emergency Relief pending reconsideration of the Report and Order of May 3, 1993 (hereafter "Order") in the above referenced proceeding implementing the Cable Telecommunications Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 ("Cable Act"), 47 U.S.C. §521 et seq.

AIB is a local-origination cable programmer in Atlanta that may be dropped by cable systems because the "benchmark" rate structure in the Order allows cable systems to charge a higher rate for satellite-delivered signals.

This threatens AIB's continued existence and affects other local programmers. According to the Commission's survey data, 45% of cable systems reported having at least one "other" (presumably local-origination) channel.

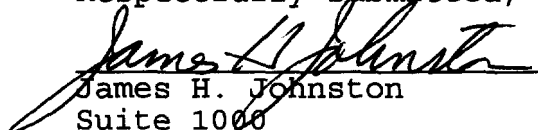
AIB is a popular with subscribers. Yet, its principal

cable operator, has advised AIB that under the benchmark rate formula it would be allowed \$385,000 more in annual revenue if it arbitrarily replaced AIB with any satellite channel.

AIB is filing a Petition for Reconsideration, contemporaneously with this Request. AIB's Petition for Reconsideration describes AIB in detail and further shows that the distinction between local cable channels and satellite-delivered signals is arbitrary and unlawful. The Petition for Reconsideration asks that all non-broadcast signals, whether or not they are satellite-delivered, count the same for purposes of benchmark rates.

Pending reconsideration and to prevent its possibly being dropped from cable when the Order's benchmark rates take effect, AIB urgently requests that the Commission allow cable systems to treat local-origination channels on a grandfathered basis as "satellite-delivered signals" for purposes of calculating benchmark rates or that it grant other appropriate emergency relief.

Respectfully submitted,


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